Best Practices Before the CITT and CBSA/GST and Customs **Cross-Border Issues**



Presented by the National Commodity Tax, Customs and Trade Section and the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Canadian Bar Association

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The National Commodity Tax, Customs and Trade Section is presenting a one day CLE conference on Customs and GST Cross-Border Issues as well as Best Practices before the CITT (Canadian International Trade Tribunal) and CBSA (Canadian Border Services Agency).

Hear from CITT Members and CBSA Officers on practical pointers respecting negotiations with and presentations to CBSA representatives and effective CITT advocacy, as well as experts on substantive topics covering Export Controls, Government Procurement Bid Challenges, Cross-Border GST and Customs Interaction, and the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPs) in comparison to U.S. Mod Act penalties.

The Negotiations and Presentation sessions will involve senior representatives of the CITT and the CBSA with a focus on what the Tribunal or CBSA decision making authority is looking for, how to present effectively and what not to do if you want to advance your client's interests.

The Substantive sessions will involve panels of government representatives and expert private practitioners with a focus on what to be aware of and how to avoid traps for the unwary.

Lunch will feature an "experienced trade hand" who will provide a broad overview of trade remedy laws and free trade agreements and the impact of U.S. elections.

The conference will end with a networking cocktail reception to allow attendees a chance to mingle with senior government decision makers.

This is a must attend Conference for government officials, lawyers and consultants working in the trade remedy and customs areas. For newcomers: come and learn from the experts; for seasoned practitioners: come and learn some new tricks.







This program has been accredited by the Specialty Committee(s) of the Law Society of Upper Canada towards the professional development requirement for certification.

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Program

Thursday May 17, 2007

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Introductions/Welcome

Dalton Albrecht, Miller Thomson LLP, Toronto

9:05 a.m. Getting To "Yes" With CBSA

Moderator: Dalton Albrecht Miller Thomson LLP, Toronto

Commentary: Robert Sacco, Deloitte & Touche

LLP, Toronto

 Trade Disputes Redress - Effective Appeals

Maria Romeo, Director, Canada Border Services Agency, Ottawa

 SIMA – Effective Submissions and Enforcement/Appeals Issues

Caterina Ardito-Toffolo, Director, Anti-Dumping & Countervail Director, Canada Border Services Agency, Ottawa

 Enforcement Appeals – Customs Seizures/AMPs

Nick Fabiano, Director, Canada Border Services Agency, Ottawa

10:15 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:30 a.m. Effective Representations before CITT - A Panel

Pierre Gosselin, Chair, CITT, Ottawa, Ronald Cheng, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Ottawa, C.J. Michael Flavell, Lang Michaer LLP, Ottawa and Darrel Pearson, Gottlieb Pearson, Toronto

- Best Practices in Special Import Measures Act
- Bases for Decisions, Exclusions

11:45 a.m. Cash bar

12:15 p.m. Lunch – Keynote Speaker

Robert E. Herzstein, First Head International Trade Administration, former Under Secretary for International Trade, Department of Commerce, Counsel, Mexico NAFTA Negotiations

"Trade Remedy Laws Historical Perspective & Future, Prospects for Trade Liberalization"

2:00 p.m. Break Out I

Export Controls

 Dual Use Goods – Controlled Goods – US Re-Export Issues

Moderator: Ronald Cheng, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Ottawa, Pierre Gagne, Controlled Goods Directorate, PWGSC, Ottawa, DFAIT Export and Import Controls Bureau, U.S. Lawyer (invited)

OR

GST Cross Border Issues

• Customs GST Interaction

Moderator: Dalton Albrecht, Miller Thomson LLP, Toronto, Steven D'Arcy, Bennett Jones LLP, Toronto and Dennis Wyslobicky, Barrister & Solicitor, Oakville

- Constructive importers and ITCs/ITC flow-through/Imported Taxable Supplies
- Drop Shipment Rules
- UPS and Other Import Cases

3:00 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

3:15 p.m. **Break Out 2**

Procurement

Moderator: Gerry Stobo, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Ottawa, along with CITT Member (invited) and David Attwater, Barrister & Solicitor, Ottawa

- Best practices in effective CITT submissions
- Avoiding cardinal sins when representing clients

<u>OR</u>

• AMPs/US MOD Act - Comparative Law Seminar

Moderator: Cyndee Todgham Cherniak, Heenan Blaikie LLP, Toronto, along with Greg Kanargelidis, Blake, Cassels Graydon LLP, Toronto and Lawrence M. Friedman, Barnes Richardson & Colburn, Chicago

4:30 p.m.

n. Cocktail Reception

Sponsored by Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Miller Thomson LLP and Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

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